



Department of

**Human Services**

# Public Chapter 972 Report

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The information that follows fulfills the reporting requirements outlined in Public Chapter 972 for federal fiscal year 2022 (FFY22).

- A. Tennessee did not apply for a waiver of SNAP work requirements in FFY22.
- B. Table 1 provides data on number of SNAP recipients and the corresponding amount of SNAP benefits received in FFY22.

<b>Table 1</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>SNAP Recipients (#)</b>	<b>Benefits Received (\$)</b>
Oct-21	831,636	\$138,468,860
Nov-21	830,554	\$137,991,290
Dec-21	847,028	\$141,033,860
Jan-22	838,842	\$137,136,319
Feb-22	837,927	\$141,085,854
Mar-22	843,965	\$139,109,495
Apr-22	828,262	\$136,395,615
May-22	820,937	\$134,975,842
Jun-22	830,152	\$137,505,160
Jul-22	800,684	\$134,184,991
Aug-22	785,410	\$131,483,848
Sep-22	806,910	\$135,952,312
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9,902,307</b>	<b>\$1,645,323,446</b>

Table 2 provides data on the total number of SNAP recipients subject to work requirements during each month of FFY22. (These figures include individuals represented in multiple months throughout FFY22; unduplicated data reflecting the total number of unique Work Registrants and ABAWDs in FFY22 is not available.)

A “Work Registrant” is an individual who is subject to the general work requirements of SNAP. The general work requirements apply to individuals ages 16 through 59, except for those who: are physically or mentally unfit for employment; care for a child under age 6 or an incapacitated person; are already employed 30 hours or more per week or earning weekly wages at least equal to the federal minimum wage multiplied by 30 hours; are regularly participating in a drug addiction or alcoholic treatment and rehabilitation program; are already participating in certain work programs or complying with certain work requirements; or are students in school half-time or more. Individuals who are subject to the general work requirements must register for work, take a suitable job if offered, and participate in a SNAP E&T program or a workforce program if assigned by the state agency. (Note: Participation in Tennessee’s SNAP E&T program is voluntary.) Individuals who are subject to the general work requirements are also prohibited from voluntarily quitting a job of 30 or more hours per week or reducing work hours to less than 30 hours per week without good cause.

An “Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents” (“ABAWD”) is an able-bodied person between the ages of 18 and 49 without dependents in the household. An ABAWD can only be eligible for 3

months of SNAP benefits in a 3-year (36 month) period unless they are participating in the SNAP work requirement. To remain eligible beyond 3 months, an ABAWD must work at least 20 hours per week/80 hours per month, volunteer with a reputable source at least 20 hours per week/80 hours per month, or participate in qualified education and training activities (such as SNAP E&T) at least 20 hours per week/80 hours per month.

<b>Table 2</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>Work Registrants</b>	<b>ABAWDs Required to Work</b>
Oct-21	10,734	3
Nov-21	11,034	61
Dec-21	7,703	295
Jan-22	9,260	153
Feb-22	7,574	177
Mar-22	6,708	611
Apr-22	6,173	473
May-22	6,683	474
Jun-22	5,965	388
Jul-22	6,889	365
Aug-22	7,324	372
Sep-22	5,458	377

A total of 2,963 individuals participated in SNAP Employment & Training during FFY22.

A temporary and partial suspension of ABAWD time limits remains in place nationwide due to the public health emergency (PHE) resulting from COVID-19. During the suspension, state agencies are prohibited from limiting ABAWD's eligibility for SNAP unless the individual is not complying with a work program offered by the state. Suspension of ABAWD time limits has resulted in lower numbers of ABAWDs required to work than in years preceding the PHE. The suspension of ABAWD time limits will remain in effect through the end of the month subsequent the month in which the federal PHE declaration is lifted.